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TO: Each Supervisor
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SUBJECT: **ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO A SOLE
SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH 33 COMMUNITY-BASED
ORGANIZATIONS FOR PEI PROGRAM SERVICES**

This memo is to comply with the Board of Supervisors Policy Manual, Section 5.100, Sole Source Contract, by notifying the Board of our need to initiate a Sole Source Agreement. It is the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) intent to enter into new sole source agreement negotiations with Community-Based Organizations (CBO) that were funded under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI).

On May 15, 2012, the Board approved funding to 54 CBOs for PEI programs. These CBOs were funded from May 29, 2012, through June 30, 2013. Subsequently, one agency dropped out from the program, and the remaining 53 agencies received training and technical assistance from DMH in the implementation of their programs. DMH conducted monitoring site visits and reviewed their monthly reports. Through an extensive monitoring and evaluation process, DMH determined that 33 of the 53 agencies qualified for a one-year extension of their services through June 30, 2014. The evaluation was based on the seven Performance-Based Criteria listed in each agency's Consultant Agreement and included on-site monitoring visits, monthly reports, and invoices as well as program documents and post-program survey questionnaires by the agencies.

The 33 qualified agencies demonstrated the ability to provide quality services documented by their monthly reports, participants' scores and comments in the post-program surveys, site visit team interviews, program materials developed for their PEI program, and timeliness in implementing the program. The 19 agencies that did not qualify for an extension, demonstrated problems that included, among others, unclear or inappropriate program activities, lack of clear focus on preventative mental health activities, lack of adherence to their PEI agreement, failure to administer and submit the required post-program surveys, inability to implement the program at an acceptable level after ten months of a one-year contract, lack of documentation regarding participants, or lack of attendance at the mandatory Mental Health First Aid training.

Extension of these Agreements is required to maintain, without interruption, the delivery of preventative-type, non-traditional mental health services described in DMH's PEI Plan (Plan). Prevention services delivered by these 33 providers will allow DMH to continue strengthening and building upon its existing network of directly-operated and mental health service providers who currently provide PEI services, thereby continuing to create a more comprehensive safety net that both: 1) prevents or deters mental health issues/symptoms from occurring; and 2) provides professional clinical mental health intervention services once mental issues/systems have occurred.

Through Make Parenting a Pleasure, a promising practice, Positive Parenting Program, an evidence-based practice, and four different PEI Outreach and Education Pilot Programs, these CBOs will be able to continue to provide non-traditional and mental health prevention-type services. These services will be delivered to all age groups (children, Transition Age Youth, adults, and older adults). Also included will be services to underserved populations including African/African American, American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Latino.

Unless otherwise instructed by a Board office within two weeks, DMH will proceed with negotiating the Sole Source Agreements. DMH will work closely with both County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office in preparing the agreement with the CBOs.

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Enclosure

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